

BIG EXCITEMENT OVER A FIRE

Small Blaze at the Pooler Residence Causes Men to Attempt to Ring Weather Flag

One of the W. A. Campbell residences, occupied by Mrs. E. Pooler, was slightly damaged by fire Sunday afternoon. The fire originated in the fireplace and was gaining headway when discovered. It was quickly extinguished, causing damage of about \$50.

Fires are always exciting and very often cause people to do strange and unaccountable things. When the alarm was given Sunday Manager George Ryan, of moving picture fame, immediately ran to the city hall and there gallantly endeavored to ring the weather flag by sturdy, well regulated tugs at the balyards. This did not seem to change the weather or bring out a peal upon the air. Husky Plummer Davis, realizing that Ryan was making only a silent noise, and knowing that something should be done immediately, rushed to Ryan's assistance, and then, both together, long and strong, endeavored to pull a couple "clang-clangs" out of the flag. They bent the flag pole some, but no alarm was sounded. About that time a self-confident kid wandered along and watched them for a minute, then, with a superior leer on his face, said: "Curfew shall not ring tonight. If youse huskies would hook onto the real ding-dong you might make a few noise."

Otherwise they might have been there yet, trying to drag the top of the city hall down.

Died at County Hospital

Charles Koepke, an aged German prospector, who has been a resident of Arizona many years, died at the county hospital Thursday morning.

Mr. Koepke was 54 years of age and was well known in Yavapai county, where he owned many mining claims. For a number of years he has come to Flagstaff to spend a part of the time with the friend of his younger days, Charles Moers. He had been in failing health of late from years of exposure and hardships in the mountains. Death came to relieve his sufferings and another pioneer of the old school passed over the great divide. The funeral services will be held this afternoon.

Big Shearing Operations

Twenty-two sheep shearing plants are running at Congress Junction, and up to date over 100,000 animals have been clipped. The average number of sheep handled daily is from 3,800 to 4,200. It is estimated that before the shearing season ends over 100,000 more will swell the total. One firm employs forty-nine men in the work.

A Glittering Success

The Pitner lamps, sold by Geo. Fleming, as demonstrated at the Commercial hotel, are a glittering success. The lamps hold a quart of gasoline and will run five hours each evening for ten days, giving 125 candle power light. They are an attractive article of furniture, easy to handle and the most inexpensive light produced.

James Gedding came in from his cattle range on the Little Colorado yesterday.

Diseased Engine Dies Hard

Conductor E. T. Fanning came in from the east Tuesday with an engine whose steam-scream mechanism was pried open and wedged. His toot-toot apparatus became hog-tied to the ventilator, thus emptying his steam vat of toot-toots, which were poured out in the air in long streams, all the way from Cliffs to Flagstaff. The first hour of the whistling did not excite any comment. People thought it was merely a new engineer who was making his first run and desired notice, but they eventually discovered that the whoo-whoa valve had tonsilitis of the thorax, therefore it whistled away until 1 o'clock, and then engine and tooter peacefully passed away.

Still Branching Out

W. A. Jones & Co. have the two large buildings well ripped up in course of remodeling. The fronts of the two buildings are connected by a large door and will be used for billiard and pool rooms. The Confection Den will be enlarged about ten feet and back of it in the adjoining building will be the bakery, candy and ice cream factory and bottling works. When completed it will be one of the swellest and most up to date plants of the kind in Arizona. If this firm keeps growing they will cover the whole block in the next year or two. They recently purchased the Dr. Brannen lots adjoining the second hand store and contemplate the erection of a building of their own.

Little Girl's Strange Pet

A little girl, whose name was not learned, passed through the city Saturday en route with her aged aunt to Phoenix, with a small water snake comfortably lodged in the bosom of her waist, and which she caressed as if it were her favorite doll. The reptile was given her at the Pueblo village by an Indian. All efforts to induce the little one to part with the repulsive pet were useless, and accordingly, she was permitted to carry and caress it. From infancy the child has evinced an irresistible desire to be with reptiles, and was as happy as a clam at high tide with her venomous companion.—Prescott Journal Miner.

Arizona Vital Statistics

Dr. E. S. Godfrey, territorial health officer, has furnished the Arizona papers with data concerning the births and deaths during the year 1910. They show that while there were 3463 births in the territory during the year, there were also 3261 deaths. Following are the figures:

	Births.	Deaths.
Apache	130	65
Cochise	696	535
Coconino	122	101
Gila	287	265
Graham	409	226
Maricopa	651	769
Mohave	50	38
Navajo	379	225
Pima	271	519
Pinal	113	97
Santa	28	66
Yavapai	225	222
Yuma	102	133
Total	3463	3261

George Black, Sr., received a telegram yesterday from his son-in-law, W. E. Brison of Millersport, Ohio, announcing the arrival of a ten-pound baby girl. Mother and baby are doing fine. Grandpa Black was exceedingly rejoiced over the news.

NOTED PAINTER RETURNS

Artist Akin Home From New York—Will Work Three Years on Mural Painting for N.Y. Building

Louis Akin, the famous artist of the southwest, who returned to Flagstaff last week to make his home, will be engaged for the next three years on a monster mural painting for the American Museum of Natural History building in New York. One section of sixty-five feet will be a reproduction of the Grand Canyon; the remainder will be sketches of Indians and scenes of the southwest.

The mural paintings are for the room containing collections from the southwest. Sketches for this vast piece of work have been collected by Mr. Akin during the former years of his residence here, but additional studies and scenes from the Papago, Apache and other Indians will be added to complete the work.

As soon as weather permits, Mr. Akin will commence remodeling and adding to the Talbot bungalow, near Locketts, where he has about seventy-five acres of land among the pines. The new home will be an artistic one with a large studio, necessary to complete his work.

During the past two years Mr. Akin has been in Montana and the northwest spending the summer months, adding to his large collection of sketches.

Olson Concert Trio Coming

The Eleonora Olson Concert Trio, of Chicago, will entertain the people of Flagstaff Monday evening, February 27, 1911, at the Emerson hall, with a free concert, under the auspices of the Santa Fe. The company is composed of Eleonora Olson, mezzo soprano; Alice R. Walden, pianist; Ethel C. Olson, soprano and impersonator. It is an all star trio and favorites of the lyceum stage. The entertainment will commence promptly at 8:00.

Normal School Notes

Miss Caldwell has returned to the dormitory, after spending some time in town with Mrs. Wilson.

A sprained ankle kept Miss Lossing from school for several days. Although not yet able to walk, she is now conducting her classes.

The usual regime at the Normal has been rather upset by the trouble with the lights. However, the use of candles has proved great fun and, best of all, we will have an extra half hour for morning sleep. All things considered, we are rather enjoying our return to primeval habits.

The next meeting of the Coconino Literary Society on March 4 will be a special program by the girls of the Junior class. The program consists of "The New Governess," a clever two-act comedy. Those taking part are Miss Treat, Miss Anderson, Miss McGinnis, Miss McPherson and Miss Tracy.

Dr. Blome has talked during general exercises for the past week. One morning he read an account of the assassination of President Lincoln, from a contemporary newspaper. Another talk was on buried treasures and told of an attempt to regain the treasure of the Spanish Amada. Both were interesting as well as instructive.

Sudden Death of Mrs. J. R. Treat

The people of Flagstaff were greatly shocked Wednesday morning to learn of the sudden and unexpected death of Mrs. Joseph R. Treat, wife of County Treasurer Treat, at her home. Mrs. Treat was taken ill Sunday night, but it was not considered serious, and she continued to improve, it was thought, until Tuesday evening. She sank rapidly from that time until Wednesday morning when she passed peacefully away at 7:40 o'clock. She had undergone a serious surgical operation in Los Angeles last summer, which had been a great strain on her strength, and this, coupled with a slight touch of ptomaine poisoning, brought on complications from which she could not rally.

Mrs. Clara Lamport Treat was born at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1858, and came to Arizona in 1882, locating in Yavapai county. She moved to Flagstaff in 1883, which place has since been her home. She was married to Joseph R. Treat in 1892. She leaves a husband, two daughters, Mrs. John Sheehan and Miss Gussie Treat, and one son, Adolphus, to mourn the irreparable loss. George Lamport, of Montana; James A. Lamport, of Flagstaff; Clark Lamport, of Hecla, S. Dak.; Grant Lamport, of Billings, Mont.; Mrs. Mary Calkins, of Kansas City, Kans.; Mrs. Hattie Hackett, of Bloomer, Wis.; and Mrs. Charles Greenlaw, of Flagstaff, brothers and sisters, remain to mourn the loss of their beloved sister.

Mrs. Treat was a noble, God fearing woman, a loving, indulgent mother, and a wife happy in her home life. Her sudden passing left sorrow in many a home where her kindly hands had helped those sick and in distress, as well as in the homes of her large circle of friends in Flagstaff.

The funeral services will be held in the Methodist Episcopal Church this afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Clyde P. Metcalf.

Mrs. Chas. Greenlaw was wired the sad news at San Diego, where she had gone to spend a part of the winter, and she arrived last evening. Mrs. Bardell, a niece, residing at Needles, also arrived yesterday to attend the funeral.

To Play in Flagstaff

Charley Grijalva, formerly of the Jewels, left yesterday morning for Flagstaff, having signed for the season with the Flagstaff baseball team. Bill Alvord, who organized the Jewels, has formed a league in northern Arizona, which includes the Flagstaff nine. He knew Charley to be a rattling good player and so secured him a place with the Skylight City bunch. Grijalva will probably play first most of the time, taking his turn on the slab now and then. He is a crackerjack on first and when he can control his curves he is something of a pitcher. When he is not playing ball he will work in the box factory of the Arizona Lumber and Timber company.—Phoenix Republican.

Examination Dates Changed

Information has just been received from the District Secretary of the Civil Service Commission at San Francisco that the examination for the position of Forest Clerk (male), which was scheduled for February 17 and 18, has been postponed to March 1 and 2.

STRONG PLAYERS LINE UP

Big, Husky Ball Players Will Play For Flag—Will be Strongest Team in the Territory

It is evident from the present line-up of fast ball players, signed up by Manager E. A. Brown for the Flagstaff team, that our city will be represented in the league by one of the swiftest aggregations of ball players in the southwest, and a bunch that will be able to mix things with any of the minor leagues.

While the team is not yet complete, the line-up to date is as follows: George Brisbois, Charles Grijalva, Fred Bosquet, Murry Brannen, Joe Thomas, Pete Samosa, Lea Smith, Bert Babbitt, Wm. Mullen.

It is probable that Dan Ford will be a member of the aggregation, though the St. Joe, Missouri, team is after him at present. Billy Alvord has been delegated with authority by Manager Brown to sign up Pitcher Parks, on his trip to the coast, and will probably land him for the team within the next week.

It is a splendid line-up of players and if Flagstaff does not land the pennant, the baseball enthusiasts will be exceedingly peevish, not to say down right annoyed.

Still Making Good

Active mine development continues by the Black River Mining company, at Turkey, on the Bradshaw Mountain railroad, with satisfactory results, was the report made yesterday by G. N. Baty, general manager, who was enroute to his home in Flagstaff, after spending several days at his camp. He states that a depth of 80 feet has been reached, and that while the values are low, the vein is of immense size. Operations will be continued and he is satisfied with what has been accomplished. He was accompanied to the city by E. J. Hickey of Boston, Mass., a stockholder, the latter expressing himself in favorable terms of the enterprise. The Black River interests are owned by a close corporation and operations have been conducted in a quiet manner several months.—Prescott Journal Miner.

New Grand Lodge Officers

The Masonic Grand Lodge of Arizona, at the meeting held in Tucson last week, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Henry Morgan, of Willcox, grand master; J. G. Bunch, of Safford, deputy; Harry Drachman, of Tucson, senior grand warden; J. W. Middleton, of Globe, junior grand warden; Geo. J. Ruskrige, of Tucson, grand secretary. Seventeen Arizona past grand masters from Deming, N. M., to Oakland, Calif., formed an association.

A New Partnership Formed

P. D. Clayton, a practical shingle mill man who recently moved to Flagstaff from Mississippi, has entered into partnership with Edgar Whipple, under the firm name of Whipple and Clayton. The new firm has a large bunch of orders on hand for shingles and will soon be turning out 20,000 daily. They will do a general contracting and building business in connection with the shingle mill.